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SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

Military rail shipments with tanks, heavy guns, tractors, and personnel destined for Magdeburg and the Berlin area.

Special and regular trains with military weapons, equipment and personnel which passed through Gross Kreutz Mark and proceeded westward.

Delivery of 25 howitzers to Soviet units on Langewahl Strasse [] in Fuerstenwalde/Sued. Arrival of caterpillar tractors, AA guns and trucks at the Fuerstenwalde/Sued railroad station. 50X1-HUM

An extensive search for two Soviet deserters from the casern on Braunsdorf Strasse. Arrival of a new unit at the casern on Gartenstrasse, Fuerstenwalde, from Beeskow with AT guns, trucks, field kitchens, mobile repair shops, radio transmitters, jeeps and personnel carriers. Soviet officers and German People's Police participating in shooting practices at the Soviet pistol range on Berkenbruecker Chausee.

Capture of one of the Soviet deserters, mentioned in Paragraph 4 above, in Friedersdorf. Arrival of AT guns, armored tractors, mobile repair shops and heavy guns for the supply unit on Langewahl Strasse [] in Fuerstenwalde. A description of the guns is given. 50X1-HUM

Negative information on activities in Weissenfels.

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[redacted] the following concerning military transports:
[redacted] at Lehnin [?] [or Gross Kreutz ?]

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[redacted]
Four flatcars (with four T-44 medium tanks) and one passenger car were attached to a scheduled Magdeburg-Berlin freight train. ~~Destination Berlin freight train.~~ Destination Berlin via Gross-Kreutz.

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[redacted]
Two flatcars with two very low tanks with round turrets were observed attached to a scheduled freight train heading toward Magdeburg.

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[redacted]
A special Soviet train consisting of 40 ~~flatcars~~ and flatcars was observed heading toward Magdeburg. Twelve cannons (caliber and type unknown), 12 tractors, 10 flatcars of trucks, kitchen car, and five passenger cars were being hauled.

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[redacted]
A special train of the National Peoples Army unloaded men and vehicles at the Gross-Kreutz railroad station. The number and type of personnel and vehicles is not known [redacted] The unit went to the Radel training area.

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There are daily departures of freight trains or special trains going to the USSR for Tekhnopromimport.

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Two or three special trains with troops and arms pass the Gross-Krentz railroad station daily all heading westward. [] never observed a transport traveling east. The Soviet transports have an average of 100 axles. [] it is difficult to identify the weapons and armaments as the trains pass without stopping and because tarpaulins cover the objects on the flatcars. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

[] two Soviet transports passed the Gross-Krentz railroad station heading toward the West. The two trains consisted of 40-50 cars and flatcars plus two kitchens. On the flatcars there were altogether 15 AAA pieces (57 mm, M1950?), about 15 tractors, 10 trucks, 40-50 cars loaded with men. 50X1-HUM

[] a Soviet transport passed the Gross-Krentz railroad station travelling west. The train consisted of about 30 flatcars with trucks and Truppentransporter (tracked prime mover M1954?) and about 10 cars loaded with men. "M-OKP" was written on all cars with chalk. 50X1-HUM

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[redacted] at the Fuerstenwalde-Sued railroad station 25 cannons (122 mm Howitzer M1938) arrived and were unloaded. These cannons were delivered to Soviet units which are stationed in the former cable plant on Langewahler-Str. [redacted].

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[redacted] 16 caterpillar-tractors, six 85-mm AA guns M1939 as well as two trucks [redacted] arrived and were unloaded at the Fuerstenwalde-Sued railroad station. Evidently the materiel was destined for the above mentioned unit [redacted] on Langewahler-Str. No troops arrived with the shipments.

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[redacted] two Soviet soldiers, a sergeant and a PFC, reportedly deserted from the caserne on Braunsdorfer-Str. [redacted] an extensive search was started; ~~even~~ the German police participated in the search of the quarters of the known prostitutes in Fuerstenwalde. ~~were searched~~. Two prostitutes were arrested by the People's police during the search. Whether or not these arrests are directly connected with the desertion of the Soviet soldiers cannot be determined. [redacted]

[redacted] the two soldiers had not been found; the search was continuing. Later [redacted] the search was discontinued

[redacted] Whether or not the men were found is not known [redacted]

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A new unit [of the Soviet Army] arrived at the caserne on Garten Str. in Fuerstenwalde [redacted] It arrived with its own transportation from Beeskow. There were 24 AT (100mm AT gun 1955?) guns with tractors, 12 trucks with men, two field kitchens, two mobile repair shops, two radio transmitters, numerous jeeps and personnel cars. 50X1-HUM

[redacted] saw 15 Soviet officers and six German People's Police officers at the Soviet pistol range on Berkenbruecker Chaussee practicing shooting together. [redacted]

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[redacted] one of the two Soviet deserters, the PFC, was captured by the People's Police in Friedersdorf and was turned over to the Soviets [redacted] Regarding the fate of the other ~~deserter~~ nothing is known. Apparently he succeeded in making his escape. The deserters wore civilian clothes in making their escape. [redacted]

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[redacted] saw a transport. A train with 10 heavy AT guns (type not known) and 10 armored tractors arrived for the Soviet supply unit (Versorgungseinheit) which is stationed in the former cable plant on Langewahler Str. [redacted] in Furstenwalde.

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[redacted] the same unit received by train seven repair shop trucks as well as two heavy cannons. Every one of these cannons were loaded on two flatcars, the barrel and breech separated. The barrel was about 10-meters long, caliber about 22-25 cm. The barrel was on a special carrier (twin axles). With this chassis the barrel may be moved with the aid of a tractor (type could not be identified).

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The casernes on Garten Str and on Braunsdorfer Str. are fully occupied.

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Nothing of any consequence has happened in Weissenfels [redacted]
[redacted] Any possibly transfer of troops was not noted [redacted]
[redacted] New troops have apparently not arrived. [redacted] nothing
about a shooting incident involving Soviets [redacted]
[redacted] thinks it unlikely that knowledge of such an
incident could have been suppressed in Weissenfels.

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